

7. The Tahsildar has to personally verify the correctness of the age of the applicant.

8. Delay in the production of the Medical Certificate in cases where the Tahsildar feels a genuine doubt about the correct age of the applicant.

9. Increase in the number of applicants due to reduction in the age limit from 70 to 65 years in general and 65 and 60 years in cases of persons suffering from specified diseases and disabilities.

(d) There are standing circular instructions issued by Government that all applications for old age pension should be dealt with on top priority basis and within a maximum period of three months. Further with reference to the monthly progress reports, instructions have been issued to the Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Bellary District to ensure a quick settlement of old age pension cases. Special instructions to ensure expeditious disposal of the applications have also been issued.

Borewells in Villages of Bellary District

621. SRI H. LINGA REDDY (Kurugodu).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state.

(a) the number of villages in Bellary District, where open wells are in existence ;

(b) the number of Borewells proposed to be provided in each Taluk of Bellary District and in how many months they would be completed ?

SRI N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(a) 588

(b) Number of Borewells programmed in each taluk are as follows and borewells in all these villages will be provided during the next two years.

Name of Taluk	Borewells proposed
1. Bellary	84
2. Hospet	41
3. Sandur	61
4. Siruguppa	25
5. Mallapur	10
6. Kudlgi	22
7. Harapanahally	64
8. Hadagali	1
Total	308